Apart from this, there is a potential of about 1000 MW for power generation from bio-degradable industrial wastes comprising mainly effluent. Under the programme being implemented by the Ministry, 21 such projects of aggregate capacity 26 MW have so far been installed in various industries.

Use of alternative fuel resources

†3879 . SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the rising prices of oil in international market has adversely affected the economic growth rate and foreign exchange reserve of India;

(b) whether any bio-diesel based system is under consideration in this regard;

(c) whether the technology and vegetation for manufacturing bio-diesel is available or could be made available in the country; and

(d) if so, the action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) to (d) No, Sir. India's growth rate during the last three years, along with foreign exchange reserves, have been at comfortable levels. However, keeping in view the rising prices of petroleum products, alternative energy sources to petroleum products are being explored. A National Mission on Bio-diesel has been taken up in the country under the Ministry of Rural Development for plantation of Jatropha in 4 lakh hectares of waste/forest lands for production of Biodiesel.

Power Plant Project

3880.SHRI R. SHUNMUGASUNDARAM: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) how many power plant project proposals are pending for clearance;

(b) how long are they pending; and

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